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By Committee on Higher Education

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that coordinated  
4 planning ensures preparation for all future crises. While it is  
5 impossible to eliminate the threats posed to our higher education  
6 campuses by crime or disaster, natural or person-caused, it is  
7 necessary to mitigate impact through effective all hazard emergency  
8 preparedness. The legislature also finds that notifying college and  
9 university campus communities of an impending, ongoing, or diffused  
10 emergency situation is one of the most critical capabilities that a  
11 college or university must have. But how a higher education  
12 institution achieves the ability to alert students, faculty, and staff  
13 quickly, accurately, and dependably in an emergency situation is not a  
14 one size fits all solution. While colleges and universities should  
15 maintain their autonomy in choosing how to address safety and security  
16 risks, certain consistent protocols are essential for making campuses  
17 safer. The legislature further finds that higher education  
18 institutions need to ensure that campus law enforcement or security  
19 communications equipment, as well as communication systems used by  
20 colleges and universities during an emergency, meet technical standards  
21 and are compatible with other responding agencies' communication  
22 systems. Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to carefully  
23 examine best safety practices at the state's institutions of higher  
24 education, examine the use of technology to improve emergency  
25 communications, and consider the financial implications of safety and  
26 security enhancement plans, as well as the funding sources to support  
27 them, in order to maximize limited resources and public benefit.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The Washington state patrol and the  
29 Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs, in consultation

1 with the state board for community and technical colleges, the council  
2 of presidents, the independent colleges of Washington, and the  
3 department of information services, shall conduct a needs analysis and  
4 fiscal impact study of potential college and university campus security  
5 enhancements, including the addition of two-year and four-year public  
6 and independent higher education institutions to the statewide first  
7 responder building mapping information system as provided under RCW  
8 36.28A.060.

9 (1) The study shall:

10 (a) Assess public and independent colleges and universities to  
11 determine whether campus emergency and critical incident plans are  
12 up-to-date, comprehensive, and regularly exercised;

13 (b) Evaluate the potential risks associated with individual types  
14 of buildings on all campuses and recommend buildings that are a high  
15 priority for adding to the statewide first responder building mapping  
16 information system;

17 (c) Determine the costs and timelines associated with adding  
18 priority campus buildings to the statewide first responder building  
19 mapping information system; and

20 (d) Assess campus emergency notification systems or devices,  
21 including emergency radio systems, to determine functionality in the  
22 campus environment, the adequacy of coverage throughout a campus, and  
23 operational compatibility with the radio systems and frequencies  
24 utilized by state and local responding agencies.

25 (2) The Washington state patrol and the Washington association of  
26 sheriffs and police chiefs shall report findings and recommendations to  
27 the governor and the legislature by November 1, 2008.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of this  
29 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by  
30 June 30, 2008, in the omnibus capital appropriations act, this act is  
31 null and void."

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1           On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "facilities;" strike the  
2 remainder of the title and insert "and creating new sections."

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